

Wheatley Buildings
16-18 South Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-4
Early Nineteenth Century

Although the Wheatley Buildings have undergone numerous changes, both the two-and-a-half story, three bay brick portion and the two-and-a-half story, two bay frame wing are recognizable as Federal period structures. The three gable dormers which cut through the cornice of the brick main building are additions. Beaded weatherboarding and early trim remain on the frame wing. The structures are used as offices and apartments.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wheatley Buildings

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16-18 South Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

T. Earl Ewing, Real Estate and Management Service, Telephone #: 301-822-4724

STREET & NUMBER

Incorporated

28 South Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

Liber #: 387

Folio #: 009

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 29, 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21601

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three-part structure stands on the east side of South Washington Street adjacent to the town park.

Although the building has undergone numerous changes, both the two-and-a-half story brick portion and the two-and-a-half story, two bay frame portion to the south may date from the early nineteenth century. The northern wing, a one story, one bay structure is modern.

The brick portion is three bays wide. The brick is laid in Flemish bond to which many repairs and changes have been made. The south gable end is covered with weatherboarding. The three gable dormers with six over six sashes extend below the box cornice. Their framing visible on the inside of the attic show that they may have been added late in the nineteenth or early into the twentieth century. Two shed dormers were also cut into the east roof slope. Second floor windows have six over six sashes and narrow Victorian trim. The louvered shutters, painted red appear to be quite old. Other openings are found in each gable end. In the south there are low windows with three panes; northern gable windows placed on the two upper floors have six over six sashes and the narrow trim.

The two-bay frame portion has beaded weatherboarding on the front. This bold five-eighths inch bead seems to have been favored in this town, also appearing on the Little Brother House (T-422) and 30 South Washington (T-6). On the south gable end medium width, random unbeaded weatherboarding is used. The shallow gable roof, now covered with asphalt shingles, terminates in a beaded verge board. Its box cornice has the usual crown and bedmoldings seen in simple buildings of this period.

The two windows on the front of the structure have six over six sashes. The frames trimmed with a bead appear to be original. On the south elevation, there is a window with a six over six sash in the attic and two, also with six over six sashes on the second floor. A tall straight-side brick chimney rises inside the southern wall.

These two structures, and the one story modern are connected with a modern store front which covers or has replaced early details on the first floor. The main entrance is into the south bay of the brick portion. The opening is supported by two round columns. The plaster of the entrance is decorated with plaster in which a floral motif has been impressed; this detail may also be seen in the OddFellows third floor meeting room at number One South Washington Street (T-1).

The interior has been converted into apartments and stores; there is a central hall and a stair in the rear of the brick building. Most interior details have been removed. However, there is an attractive Victorian stair with slender turned balusters. In the frame wing, is a fireplace with a mantle shelf, paneled frieze and flat pilasters. It appears to date from the first half of the nineteenth century.

The building has been extended to the rear with a series of brick and frame ells.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Early Nineteenth Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These buildings are significant for their architecture. Probably among the earliest of Easton's buildings, they have suffered the loss of much of their early character and detailing. However, the original form is still visible. The gabled dormers, while altering the appearance of the structure do not detract from it. Early frame structures are also rare in the town; this one has attractive and original beaded weather boarding.

L47/F111
L49/F320

In 1827 and in 1831, John C. Goldsborough bought the house and lot where Joshua Tagart used to live. It fronted 30 feet on the east side of Washington Street and extended back to Harrison Street. John Goldsborough was an attorney and seems to have lived here. He devised all his property to his sons and daughters, and one of his sons, Henry H. Goldsborough bought out his brothers and sisters to occupy the house. Henry Goldsborough also added a parcel to the north, which he bought from Jacob Loockerman in 1858 for \$487.50 and a parcel adjoining on the south which he acquired from the heirs of Nicholas Hammond. He leased a portion of this facing Washington Street to Thomas C. Nicols for a hardware store. The 43 3/4' frontage remaining, he and his wife Kate, sold to Jacob Williams in 1880 for \$4000.00. After the death of Mr. Williams, his executrix, Virginia Williams, gave a deed to Jacob Wheatley in 1904 for a price of \$4100.00.

L61/F475
L65/F206
L65/F216

L89/F231

L387/F9

T. Earle Ewing and his wife Eva acquired the property and put it in the name of the T. Earle Ewing Real Estate and Management Services, Inc., in 1963, in which name it is presently held.

Joshua Tagart owned a dwelling house on this property which he owned and occupied prior to 1815. John Goldsborough who bought the house, was a well-to-do and prominent attorney in the community. It is possible that he built the main brick portion and his son Henry, also a leading attorney, no doubt made additions and changes when he took possession of the house and the adjoining tracts of land just prior to the War between the States. It is unlikely the Williams made changes during their tenure from 1880 to 1904. The later owners, the Wheatleys, made some of the modern adaptations to commercial use.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY


11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN	Easton	STATE Maryland 21601

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot TOWN Easton VICINITY STREET NO. Washington Street ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE AAA offices & apartments WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish bond brick NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2 w/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME T-4 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1830 STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> This structure dates from about 1835 and is a good small Federal house and store. It has a heavy molded wooden cornice. The main building is 3 bays wide and 2 deep with a gently sloped A-roof. The first storey is now occupied by a shopfront. The 2nd storey has 3 6/6 windows. The roof line has 3 6/6 peaked dormers which extend down into the wall line, A type of dormer usually associated with Penn. architecture and uncommon in this area. To the right of this building is a smaller 2 bay 2 storey addition w/ a very gently sloped A-roof. It has an end chimney on the right. The first storey is covered by a storefront. The second storey has 2 6/6 windows and is covered with beaded clapboards. The main house has only a brick front and left end. The right side and back are of beaded clapboard like the smaller addition. The dormers are the unusual feature of this house. Its proportions are pleasing and the storefront on the 1st floor conforms nicely to the rest of the structure. </p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">very good but altered</div>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">Paul A. Brinkman</div> DATE OF RECORD August 28, 1967	

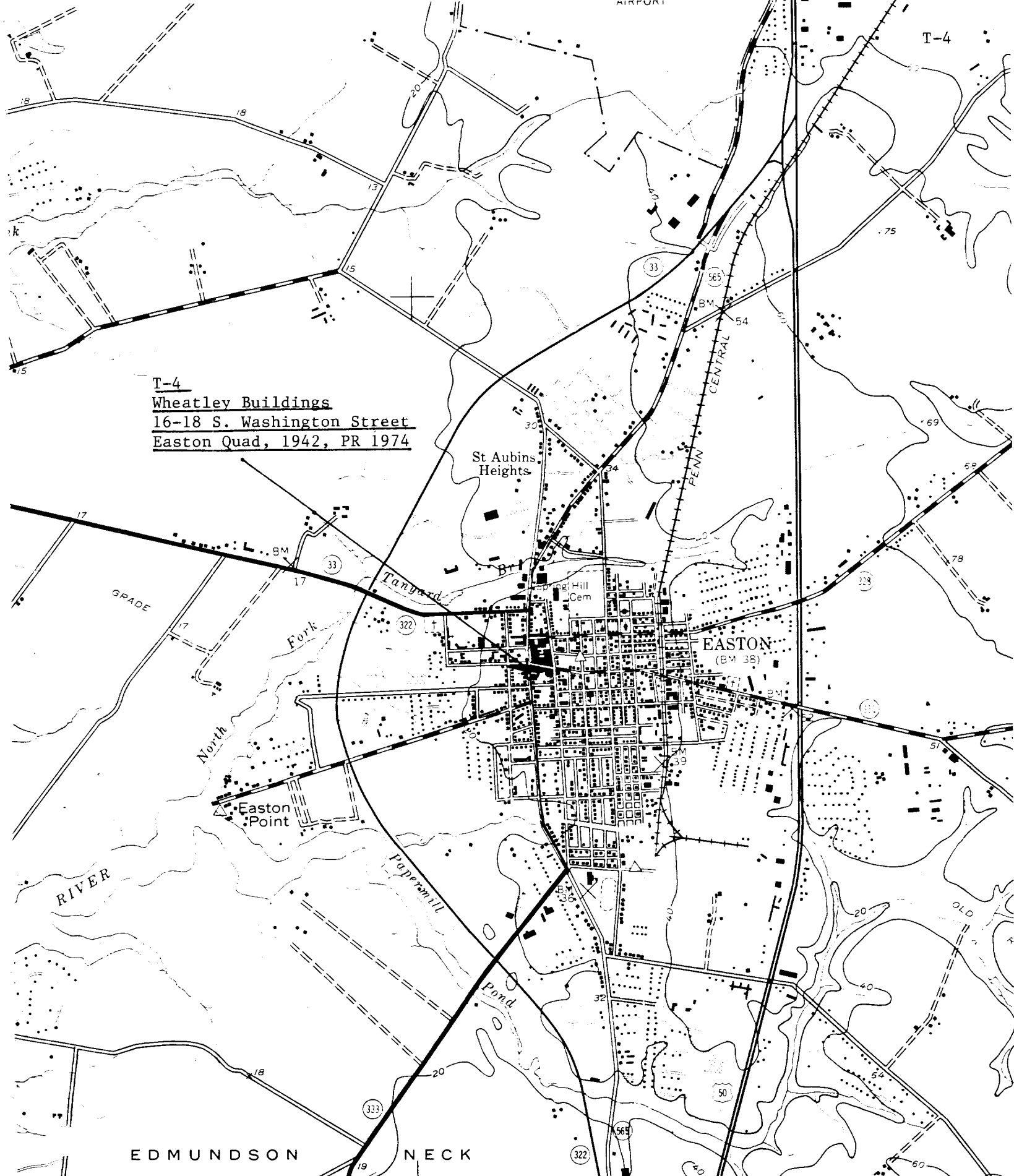
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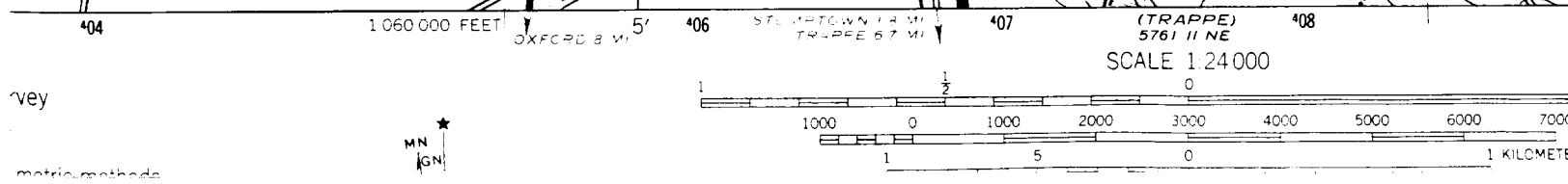


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Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974





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Easton



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ON, MD.

ST (FRONT) & SOUTH FACADES

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